

INJURY PREVENTION TASK FORCE (IPTF) MEETING
July 7, 2005

MEMBERS PRESENT

Fergus Laughridge, Program Manager, Emergency Medical Services (EMS), Bureau of Licensure & Certification (BLC)
Bruce Mackey, Program Manager, Nevada Office of Traffic Safety (OTS)
Mary Griffith, Health Resource Analyst, Bureau of Health Planning and Statistics (BHP&S)
Kelly Anrig, Safety Engineer, Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT)
Debra Brus, Epidemiologist, Washoe County District Health Department, (WCDHD)
Jennifer Stoll-Hadayia, WCDHD
Mike Bernstein, Health Educator II, Clark County Health District
Ken Whittaker, Washoe County SAFE KIDS/REMSA
Melissa Krall, Washoe County SAFE KIDS/REMSA
Traci Pearl, Department of Public Safety (DPS)/ (OTS)
Wei Yang, MD, PhD, Chief Biostatistician and Director (BHP&S)
Erin Breen, Safe Community Partnership Program

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dr. John Fildes, Department of Surgery, University of Nevada School of Medicine (UNSOM)
Robinette Bacon, School Health Education Coordinator, Department of Education (DOE)
Barbara Ludwig, Clark County SAFE KIDS

STATE HEALTH DIVISION STAFF PRESENT

Kelly Y. Langdon, MPH, Health Program Specialist 1, (BFHS)
Andrea Rivers, Biostatistician 1 (BHP&S)
Tami Tersteege, Administrative Assistant 4, BFHS
Beverly Scalise, Administrative Assistant 1, BFHS

OTHERS PRESENT

Holly Billie, Indian Health Service

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Fergus Laughridge called the Injury Prevention Task Force (IPTF) meeting to order at **9:40 a.m.** at the Bureau of Licensure and Certification (BLC), Emergency Medical Services (EMS) building in Carson City and Las Vegas. This was a public meeting and the public was invited to make comments. In accordance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law, this meeting was posted at the following locations: Kinkead Building, Carson City; Bureau of Family Health Services (BFHS), Carson City; Nevada State Library and Archives, Carson City; Washoe County District Health Department (WCDHD), Reno; Clark County Health District (CCHD), Las Vegas; Elko Nursing Office, Elko; BLC, Carson City and Las Vegas, and on the Health Division website, www.health2k.state.nv.us.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MEETING ON APRIL 7, 2005

Jennifer Stoll-Hadayia informed us the spelling of her name was incorrect in the April minutes, and instead of the Washoe County Crime Review and Injury Prevention Program, the correct name should be Washoe County Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention Program. Debra Brus motioned for approval of the minutes with corrections and Kelly Anrig seconded the motion. **MOTION APPROVED.**

TASK FORCE AGENCY UPDATES – MEMBERS TO GIVE A BRIEF UPDATE ON THEIR CURRENT INJURY PREVENTION PROGRAMS AND EFFORTS

Mr. Anrig reported that the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) is organizing an Executive Committee on Traffic Safety. The Transportation Board has given their approval and the committee is in the process of being formed. Traci Pearl reported on her Statewide Click It or Ticket Campaign, which ran from the last part of May and through June 2005. She does not have the post survey on seatbelt usage after the campaign, but before the campaign the statewide usage of seatbelts was at 88.4%, the highest ever. This is the fourth year this campaign has been completed, and every year usage has increased. Ms. Pearl figured about 210 lives have been saved in the last four years by increasing seatbelt usage alone. Melissa Krall announced Washoe County SAFE KIDS has opened a full-time car seat fitting station. It is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Mike Bernstein reported

on CCHD's drowning campaign, which will run from May through the end of August 2005. He also announced the Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) submitted a large grant for Suicide Prevention, which would award \$400,000 a year for three years. In addition, Mr. Bernstein had organized a Senior Fall Prevention Task Force and is preparing to do a pilot survey regarding falls and other information about their living conditions. They plan to do two hundred surveys to start off. Erin Breen reported on pursuing a Pedestrian Grant for seniors and is looking for people who would like to be in on the partnership. The grant would be for \$100,000 for eighteen months. If anyone is interested in being involved with this program, they can email Ms. Breen at erin@trc.unlv.edu. Kelly Langdon reported in May 2005, she attended the National Injury Prevention Conference in Denver and there were two representatives from Nevada in attendance, herself and Enid Jennings from the WCDHD. In addition, she had not yet heard if the State Health Division will receive the Injury Prevention Grant for the next five years. The application for the grant was submitted in February 2005 and Ms. Langdon is expecting to be notified very soon.

UPDATE, DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON MANDATING E-CODES THROUGH THE STATE BOARD OF HEALTH, NEVADA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

Ms. Brus led the discussion of mandating e-codes through the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). Mr. Laughridge and Mr. Anrig volunteered to organize a meeting of various people who would be helpful in mandating e-codes. Those who will be invited to attend this meeting include Ms. Brus, Dr. Wei Yang, who is intimately aware of the situations there within the Health Data and Research Division, Joseph Greenway, Health Information Analyst at the University of Nevada at Las Vegas (UNLV), Bill Welsh, President/CEO of the Nevada Hospital Association, Charles Duarte, Administrator for the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP), Chris Thompson, a consultant with the DHCFP, and Ms. Breen. Mandating e-codes involves changing the language of section 449.963 of the NAC and then enforcing the NAC at the hospital level. Dr. Yang reported currently e-coding is voluntary and only about half of Nevada's hospitals are using E-codes. Some hospitals do not have the e-coding system at all because it does not benefit them financially. Mr. Laughridge said he would contact Mr. Greenway right away and see if he could get a meeting put together. Mr. Laughridge asked if there were any other actions or recommendations the Task Force would want to proceed with, other than organizing the proposed meeting. No action taken.

DISCUSSION OF 2003 INJURY DATA AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON SETTING NEW PRIORITIES FOR THE TASK FORCE

Andrea Rivers distributed 2003 injury data to the Task Force at the last meeting. The Task Force was asked to review the data so priorities could be set for next year. Ms. Langdon reminded the Task Force if the SHD receives the Injury Prevention Grant for the next five years, there may be some money available for a media campaign. Ms. Langdon asked for assistance in determining the best way to use this money, which is the reason for setting priorities. Ms. Stoll-Hadayia asked what the leading cause of death was and Ms. Rivers responded suicide was the highest, then motor vehicle crashes, followed by poisonings. Holly Billie announced a couple of tribes are working on fall issues and searching for a solution to prevent falls in seniors. This past year the tribes went into seniors' homes to see what risk factors were present. Mr. Mackey suggested we use Ms. Billie's program as a model for the state, and to encourage local fire departments and paramedics to participate in the home assessments. Mr. Laughridge suggested while the firefighters or paramedics are at an elderly person's home they could also check for smoke detectors. Mr. Laughridge stated the Task Force could target on falls in children and the elderly. Mr. Mackey made a motion the Task Force adopt "falls" for their primary priority area for this year and examine drownings and poisonings for potential priority areas for next year. Ms. Brus seconded the motion. Mr. Laughridge suggested the Task Force have an in-person strategic planning meeting and spend a day planning this campaign. Ms. Breen said she would like to put suicide back in the mix for next year because it is an issue the Task Force should not forget. Mr. Mackey motioned to amend the initial motion to include suicide as well as, poisoning and drowning for future use. Ms. Brus seconded the motion. **MOTION APPROVED.**

Ms. Langdon stated the Task Force should wait to plan a strategic planning meeting until hearing from CDC about the Injury Prevention Grant. Mr. Laughridge proposed the Task Force go ahead and set a date for a strategic planning meeting. He proposed the Task Force plan to meet on Thursday, August 18, 2005 for an in-person meeting in Northern Nevada.

DISCUSSION ON TASK FORCE BYLAWS – MEMBERSHIP: ARTICLES 4.1 AND 4.3

Ms. Langdon began the discussion of Articles 4.1 and 4.3 of the bylaws. Article 4.1 lists agencies which should be represented on the Task Force. This was brought up because members have suggested we have some gaps in membership and perhaps we need to add more agencies on our list. It was decided at the next meeting in October the Task Force would vote on adding the Division of Aging Services (DAS) and Indian Health Services (IHS) to the agency list. Article 4.3 states non-attendance of Task Force members or their proxy of two or more consecutive meetings will result in removal from the Task Force. This was brought up because one Task Force member has not attended a meeting or sent a proxy to a meeting for a year and a half. Ms. Brus suggested sending Dr. John Fildes a letter asking him if he would like to nominate somebody to replace himself who could actually come to the meetings and participate. Mr. Mackey suggested amending the article to read, "Non-attendance of Task Force meetings or their proxy of two or more non-excused consecutive meetings may result in removal from the Task Force." This will be placed on the agenda and voted on at the October meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND DISCUSSION

Ms. Stoll-Hadayia made an announcement that the WCDHD's Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention Program had launched a new website: www.gethealthywashoe.com. It is parallel to Clark County's website: www.gethealthyclarkcounty.org and displays information about chronic diseases and overall wellness. Mr. Mackey announced Ms. Pearl would be replacing him on the Task Force because he is retiring in September 2005. Ms. Billie announced the IHS is sponsoring a three and a half day introduction to Injury Prevention training in Reno from August 23, to August 26, 2005. There is no course fee. If anyone is interested, they can e-mail Ms. Billie at holly.billie@ihs.gov. Another action item to be put on the agenda next time will be voting of a co-chair. Our next meeting will be October 6, 2005 at 9:30 a.m., tentatively planning for the August 18, 2005 work session.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at **11:50 a.m.**